



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5044

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTICATED HORSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) In any civil action
2 brought against the owner or keeper of any horse, pony, donkey or
3 mule to recover damages for any personal injury allegedly caused by
4 such horse, pony, donkey or mule there shall be a presumption that
5 such horse, pony, donkey or mule is domesticated, is not inherently
6 dangerous and does not possess a vicious propensity. Such
7 presumption may be rebutted by evidence that such horse, pony,
8 donkey or mule was not raised or kept by a person.

9 (b) In any civil action brought against the owner or keeper of any
10 horse, pony, donkey or mule to recover damages for any personal
11 injury allegedly caused by such horse, pony, donkey or mule, evidence
12 that such horse, pony, donkey or mule previously caused an injury to a
13 person shall not be sufficient to establish a duty for such owner or
14 keeper to restrain such horse, pony, donkey or mule as to prevent such
15 horse, pony, donkey or mule from causing injury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*